GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT BY NRIS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of investment (in rupees) made by the NRIs during each of the last three years and as on date; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase this investment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) the actual inflow of NRI investment during the last three years and up to January 2000 are given below:

Years	Amount in Rs. (Crores)
1997	1039.61
1998	360.08
1999	348.83
2000 (Up to January)	19.89

(b) The general policy and facilities for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) as available to foreign companies are fully applicable to NRIs as well. In addition, Government have extended some concessions specially for NRIs and OCBs (Overseas Corporate Bodies) predominantly owned by the NRIs. These include (I) NRIs/OCBs investment is permitted in the real estate and housing sectors upto 100%
(ii) NRIs/OCBs investment in domestic airlines sector is permitted upto 100%
(iii) NRIs/OCBs are permitted to invest upto 40% in the banking sector, and
(iv) individual NRIs can invest beyond 24% in Small Scale Industries in the first instance provided they do not have a stake in any other industrial undertaking.